

October 26, 1999

TO: Members of the MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee

FROM: Harry Wolfe, Socioeconomic Program Manager

SUBJECT: DRAFT JULY 1, 1998 MAG MUNICIPALITY RESIDENT POPULATION UPDATES

MAG staff has prepared draft July 1, 1999, Municipality Resident Population Updates. The Updates were prepared using data supplied and verified by MAG member agencies and a method that has been used over the past seven years. These updates were also made consistent with a draft July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Update that was recommended for approval by the MAG POPTAC and by the Management Committee and will be considered by approval by the Regional Council on November 3, 1999. The MAG Population Technical Advisory Committee (POPTAC) is requested to recommend approval of the July 1, 1999 Municipality Resident Population Updates to the MAG Management Committee.

#### BACKGROUND

In accordance with Executive Order 95-2, each year MAG prepares municipality resident population updates for cities and towns in Maricopa County and the unincorporated portions of the County. It is required that these updates be consistent with the Arizona Department of Economic Security (DES) Maricopa County Updates, and comply with standards established by DES. The Director of DES is required to forward the Updates to the Economic Estimates Commission by December 15th of each year. The Updates are used to allocate \$23 million in lottery funds to local jurisdictions and to determine expenditure limitations where appropriate.

The draft July 1, 1999, MAG Municipality Resident Population Updates were developed by MAG staff in accordance with a method that has been used over the past nine years. The method uses building permit completions for the period of time since the census. The building permit completion data were provided and verified for accuracy by MAG member agencies.

The updates derived using this method were made consistent with a draft July 1, 1999 Maricopa County Resident Population Update developed by DES. This draft Update is scheduled for approval by the State POPTAC on December 1, 1999 and by the MAG Regional Council on December 8, 1999.

The MAG POPTAC is requested to recommend approval of the July 1, 1999 Municipality Resident Population Updates to the MAG Management Committee. If you have any questions or need additional information, please contact me or Don Worley at 254-6300.